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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is a Nonprovisional Utility Patent:

New Application; or a  Continuation,  Division,  
 Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior US application No. 10/267,365 filed on October 9, 2002;  
of

Inventors: (1) Miwa WAKE  
(2) Yoshifumi YOSHIDA

For (Title): METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT AND SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

This transmittal letter has 3 pages.

Enclosed are:

Enclosed are 13 sheets of drawings, along with 39 pages of specification, claims and abstract of the disclosure.

Pages 1 and 2 of signed Declaration Combined with Power of Attorney

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Copy from a prior application (if this is a Continuation/Division with no new matter)

Signed statement deleting named inventor(s) in prior application if this is a Continuation/Division (See 37 CFR 1.63(d) and 1.33(b)).

A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ (non-US) application No. \_\_\_\_\_, having a filing date of \_\_\_\_\_.

An Assignment Transmittal Letter and Assignment of the invention.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 35 CFR 1.9 and 1.27

is enclosed

was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).

An information Disclosure Statement, with Form PTO-1449.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CANCELLING CLAIMS TO REDUCE FILING FEE

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Instructions:

Incorporation by Reference (for Continuation/Division application). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Since the present application is based on a prior U.S. application, please amend the specification by adding the following sentence before the first sentence of the specification:

"The present application is based on prior US application Serial No. 10/267,365, filed on October 9, 2002, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and priority thereto for common subject matter is hereby claimed."

Priority of Application No. 2002-000702 filed on January 7, 2002 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119. The certified copy  has not been filed.  
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 were filed in parent application Serial No.

The prior application is assigned of record to  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce L. Adams". The signature is somewhat stylized and cursive.

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Re: New patent application of Miwa WAKE et al.

for METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT AND SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

comprising transmittal letter, title, specification, claims and abstract of the disclosure (39 pgs.), pages 1 and 2 of signed declaration and power of attorney, 13 sheets of formal drawings containing thereon Figs. 1A-13B, Preliminary Amendment Canceling Claims to Reduce Filing Fee, Second Preliminary Amendment, express mail certification and check in the amount \$856.00

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